Effective June 10, 2022, owners and managers of commercial industrial and institutional (CII) properties are prohibited from irrigating non-functional turf with potable water. This ban was issued by the Governor and will be in place for one year unless modified or readopted.

EXEMPTIONS
Areas of turf are exempt if:
• The turf is used for human recreation, civic purposes, sports or play.
• The turf is irrigated with recycled water.
• The turf is irrigated with non-potable water (water that is not permitted for use as a drinking water supply).
• Irrigating the turf is necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings.
• The turf is at a residential location, not at a commercial, industrial, or institutional location. The exception to this is common areas in Homeowners Association sites. Unless one of the above exemptions applies, HOA common areas are included in this turf irrigation ban.

ENFORCEMENT
Failure to comply may result in a fine of up to $500 a day by the State Water Resources Control Board in addition to local enforcement of the violations. To anonymously report water waste, go to SaveWater.CA.Gov.

In response to California’s record-setting drought, the state has adopted emergency regulations to prevent wasteful water uses and promote conservation.

QUESTIONS
Further details about the emergency drought regulation are available on the State Water Board’s website at bit.ly/conservationreg.